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NATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25: SOVIET AND EE PROPOSAL

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1. AMBASSADOR DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE CONVEYED REF A
AUGUST 22 TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KAROLY SZARKA. (WE
AMENDED LAST SENTENCE PARA B TO READ "THERE WAS NO INDICATION,
MOWEVER, THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDERTAKE AND INITIATIVE
TO RAISE THIS ISSUE AT THE CONFERENCE." IN ORDER TO REFLECT
MORE ACCURATELY OUR LAST CONVERSATION WITH MFA ON SUBJECT --
REF B.)

2. IN PRESENTING AIDE MEMOIRD, AMBASSADOR REFERRED TO LAST
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WEEK'S CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FONMIN RACZ AND EXPRESSED
SURPRISE THAT HUNGARIANS WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY CO-SPONSOR
RESOLUTION CONTAINING OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE ABOUT
ZIONISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN US. HUNGARIAN
PORPOSAL IN GENEVA WAS IN CONTRAST WITH EARLIER TALK WITH
ACTING FONMIN AND NOT CONSISTENT WITH CANDORNWE EXPECT IN
OUR RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR PRESENTED SZARKA WITH COPY OF

AUGUST 18 WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT AND RE-EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF DECADE FOR ACTION IN LIGHT OF DEEP US COMMITMENT TO COMBATTING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

3. SZARKA ASKED WHETHER HUNGARIAN DEL HAD ACTUALLY INTRODUCED RES OR TAKEN FLOOR ON SUBJECT. THERE WAS A DRAFT UNDER CONSIDERATION, HE SAID, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW THAT HUNGARIAN DEL HAD ACTUALLY INTRODUCED RES. HUNGARY AND US HAD DIFFERENT VIEWS ON NUMEROUS ASPECTS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND MIDDLE EAST QUESTION BUT HUNGARIANS HAD NO DESIRE TO BE OFFENSIVE AND REGRETTED US NON-PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE. SZARKA REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THESE MATTERS WOULD NOT BE MIXED UP WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS. (AMBASSADOR AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE.) SZARKA PROMISED, FINALLY, TO LOOK INTO SITUATION IN GENEVA AND INFORM GOH OF OUR AIDE MEMOIRE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE WE CANNOT JUDGE SINCERITY OF SZARKA'S PROFESSIONS OF IGNORANCE RE HUNGARIAN ACTIONS IN GENEVA, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEY WERE FORCED INTO CO-SPONSORING ROLE AT LAST MINUTE. IN ANY CASE, SZARKA'S TONE OF SLIGHT CHAGRIN WAS COMBINED WITH AN UNDISGUISED, OVERRIDING CONCERN THAT THIS MATTER NOT AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS.

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